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SUBJECT:US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: MARINE PANEL 2 - ICE
TRANSITING VESSELS

DEPT PASS DOT FOR RAMUNDO TPI-42

REF: STATE 288664, MOSCOW 17991,

1. SCICOUNS NOVEMBER 29, HANDED METAL'NIKOV (AYKAZYAN'S DEPUTY AT SCST) COPIES OF RAMUNDO AND BINDER LETTER, AND RESTATED U.S. DISAPPOINTMENT WITH SOVIET HANDLING OF U.S. DEL SCHEDULE PER PARAS 1 AND 2 OF STATE 288664. METAL'NIKOV EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR U.S. POSITION, AND HOPED THAT DEL VISIT CAN SOON BE RESCHEDULED. HE STATED THAT CAPTAIN MAYNAGASHEV, MORFLOT, HAD RECENTLY EXPRESSED TO HIM AN INTEREST IN BILATERAL COOPERATION IN ICE-BREAKERS. METAL'NIKOV SAID THAT TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FOR US DEL VISIT TO NUCLEAR ICEBREAKERS WOULD REQUIRE DECISION BY MORFLOT MINISTER GUZHENKO. HE PROMISED TO MAKE AN URGENT INQUIRY AT MORFLOT AND WITH ALEKSENKO THIS WEEK AND REPORT RESULTS TO EMBASSY.

2. METAL'NIKOV ALSO INDICATED DYDROMET DEPUTY DIRECTOR TOL'STIKOV HAD POSITIVE INTEREST IN THE NANSEN PROJECT. HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT THE NANSEN PROJECT PRESENTS A CONSIDERABLE LOGISTICAL
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PROBLEM TO THE SOVIETS, AND IT WAS NOT CLEAR TO HIM WHETHER THIS

PROJECT WILL EVENTUALLY FIT BEST INTO THE ENVIRONMENTAL, WORLD OCEAN, OR TRANSPORT AGREEMENTS. NEVERTHELESS HE STATED HE WOULD TRY TO ACCOMMODATE THE INTEREST OF THE US DELEGATION IN DISCUSSING THE NANSEN PROJECT.

COMMENT: EMBASSY IS IN ENTIRE AGREEMENT WITH DOT ON CANCELLATION OF VISIT, AND GENERAL VIEW THAT SOVIETS MUST BE MORE FORTHCOMING ON ICEBREAKERS AND ARCTIC RESEARCH GENERALLY TO OBTAIN OVERALL BALANCE IN MARINE TRANSPORT COOPERATION. METAL'NIKOV'S COMMENTS REINFORCE VIEW THAT WE MUST GO BEYOND DUBCHAK LEVEL TO OBTAIN SOME MOVEMENT IN THE SOVIET POSITION. SCICOUNS PLANS PERSONALLY TO DELIVER BINDER LETTER TO ALEKSENKO AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY IN THE HOPES OF ACCELERATING SOVIET ACTIONS WHICH WILL ALLOW AN EARLY RESCHEDULING OF THE DELEGATION VISIT. END COMMENT. MATLOCK

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